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**CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION**  
From THE NEWS-POST Frederick, Md.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR  
FREDERICK COUNTY,  
MARYLAND  
DAVID MORGAN JONES  
vs.

The known and unknown  
heirs, devisees, personal rep-  
resentatives, descendants or  
successors in interest of the  
Directors, Officers and Stock-  
holders of THE THOMAS  
AND EVANS FREDERICK  
SLATE COMPANY, and  
RICHARD THOMAS and  
MARGARET THOMAS  
FRATTO

NO. 20,616 EQUITY

**ORDER OF PUBLICATION**

The object of this Bill is that  
the Court may take jurisdiction  
in the premises and enter a  
Decree removing the cloud upon  
the title of the Complainant,  
and the Court shall declare that  
the Complainant has a good and  
marketable fee simple title to  
the property described in the  
Bill of Complaint, and may sell  
or convey or otherwise deal with  
such property without regard  
to the claims of the unknown  
heirs, devisees, personal repre-  
sentatives, descendants or suc-  
cessors in interest of the Direc-  
tors, Officers and Stockholders  
of The Thomas and Evans Fred-  
erick Slate Company, and Rich-  
ard Thomas and Margaret  
Thomas Fratto.

The Bill recites that the Com-  
plainant, David Morgan Jones,  
is the owner of a parcel of real  
estate situate, lying and being  
in Urbana District, Frederick  
County, Maryland, containing 20  
acres, more or less, said tract  
of land being all of that real  
estate described in a deed from  
Mary J. Thomas and John M.  
Thomas, her husband, to The  
Thomas and Evans Frederick  
Slate Company, a corporation of  
Wilmington, Delaware, dated  
May 1, 1909, and recorded in  
Liber S.T.H. 286, folio 429, one  
of the Land Records of Freder-  
ick County, Maryland, the orig-  
inal of said Deed being filed  
with the Bill.

The Bill further states that  
John Morgan Thomas, one of  
the grantors in the aforesaid  
Deed, was a director of The  
Thomas and Evans Frederick  
Slate Company and the owner of  
3,000 shares of stock of the said  
The Thomas and Evans Freder-  
ick Slate Company, out of a total  
of 4,046 shares issued and out-  
standing, but that the other di-  
rectors and stockholders of The  
Thomas and Evans Frederick  
Slate Company are, to your  
Complainant, unknown; the Bill  
further states that your Com-

plainant is presently the owner  
of the 3,000 shares of The Thom-  
as and Evans Frederick Slate  
Company, having purchased the  
same from the estate of his un-  
cle, the said John Morgan Thom-  
as.

The Bill further states that  
the said John Morgan Thomas  
died on or about the 26th day of  
July 1941, leaving a Last Will  
and Testament dated July 25,  
1941, wherein, after making cer-  
tain specific bequests, he left  
the rest and residue of his es-  
tate unto his daughter, Margaret  
Thomas Fratto, of Philadelphia,  
Pennsylvania, and his nephew,  
David Morgan Jones, of Wash-  
ington, D. C., your Complainant  
herein, share and share alike,  
absolutely and forever, which  
will more fully appear in a cer-  
tified copy of said Will being  
filed with the Bill.

The Bill further states that  
the said Margaret Thomas Frat-  
to died many years ago leaving  
surviving her no descendants or  
heirs at law other than her  
cousin, David Morgan Jones, the  
Complainant herein. That in ad-  
dition to the said daughter,  
Margaret Thomas Fratto, the  
said John Morgan Thomas and  
Mary J. Thomas, his wife, were  
the parents of a son, one Rich-  
ard Thomas, who left Frederick  
County, Maryland, in the year  
1930 and has been unheard of  
since that time.

The Bill further states that in  
addition to such rights to the  
aforesaid real estate as may  
have devolved upon your Com-  
plainant herein under the cir-  
cumstances hereinbefore stated,  
your Complainant has been in  
possession of said real estate  
openly, notoriously, adversely,  
under claim of right and with  
color of title; said possession  
having continued from the year  
1941, the said Complainant pay-  
ing the taxes on said property  
and exercising sole dominion  
thereof since that time; that the  
Complainant and his solicitors  
have made reasonable efforts to  
ascertain the heirs, devisees,  
personal representatives, des-  
cendants or successors in inter-  
est of those parties named in  
the Bill as Descendants, but  
have been unable to discover  
them.

It is thereupon this 10th day  
of April 1964, by the Circuit  
Court for Frederick County,  
Maryland, sitting as a Court of  
Equity, and by the authority  
thereof, ORDERED that the  
Complainant, by causing a copy  
of this Order to be inserted in  
some newspaper published in  
said Frederick County, once a  
week in each of four successive  
weeks; the last of such publica-  
tions to be made not less than  
thirty days before the 12th day  
of June, 1964, giving notice to  
the unknown heirs, devisees,  
personal representatives, des-  
cendants or successors in inter-  
est of the Directors, Officers and  
Stockholders of The Thomas and  
Evans Frederick Slate Com-  
pany, and Richard Thomas and  
Margaret Thomas Fratto, wheth-  
er residents or non-residents, of  
the object and substance of the  
Bill, warning them to appear in  
this Court in person or by solic-  
itor, on or before the 12th day of  
June, 1964, to show cause if any  
they have, why a Decree ought  
not to be passed as prayed.

MATHIAS, MATHIAS AND  
ROLLINS

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Patrick M. Schnauffer  
Chief Judge

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